

L825 Charles Bartlett

From: The Life and Letters
of

S. Wells Williams (LL.D. Union , 1848)

The establishment of an excellent school under Charles Bartlett, whose institution, known as the Utica High School, and afterwards as the Utica Gymnasium, gained considerable celebrity throughout the State, brought Wells back to town in 1829. Here he found most of his old schoolmates again, many amongst who (besides Professor James D. Dana) attained in later life more than common fame: Horation Seymour, a Governor of the State and leader of his party; Alexander S. Johnson, Judge of the U.S. Circuit Court; Lewis Cass, Jr., a son of the Secretary of State, and himself afterwards a Minister to the Court of Rome; General Morris S. Miller; and not least of all these, Isaac Smith, the inventor of condensed milk. Mr. Bartlett's most admirable quality, in Mr. Wells' estimation, was his hearty recognition of the importance of the natural sciences in a liberal education, and the attention given at this school to these subjects was as delightful to his tastes as it was unusual to the time. From these lectures and lessons in chemistry, geology, and botany came his first accurate knowledge of the sciences, the pursuit of which he carried with increasing pleasure throughout a long life as the study of his recreation, the Nebenfach to his professional work. Under Fay Edgerton, and after his Professor Asa Gray, as teachers in this department, the older boys imbibed a taste for the rare and curious in nature which turned several of them into naturalists of creditable rank; while during his long vacation trips or shorter holiday rambles, the zealous and sympathetic Edgerton gave to his pupils the impress of religious character that was more precious, perhaps, than his knowledge.

A letter to his schoolmate who had now gone from school to Yale College affords an idea of the annual exhibition of Mr. Bartlett's school:

To James D. Dana,

Utica, January 27, 1831.

Dear James:-This is the remainder of the short letter I wrote you a while ago. You must have thought that that was hardly an apology for one, but it exhausted all my stock of ideas, complaints, and everything else. However, by the enclosed order of exercises you will see that the ~~xxxxx~~ annual ordeal was passed by the members severally and individually of Bartlett's school. It was in the First Presbyterian Church, for it would seem that this year the trustees are not afraid of dirtying their seats.

sent to Mrs. Edmund Rawson

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DAILY ALBANY ARGUS

January 14, 1850

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Poughkeepsie, N.Y., April 24, a.e. 1857, principal of the Collegiate School.

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EDMUND GRINDAL RAWSON

Son of Dr. Edmund Grindal and Maria (Van Buren) Rawson, She was from Kinderhook. His father was a member of the New York State Legislature for a number of years.

He was born November 30, 1803 at Broadalbin.

A graduate of Union College, N.Y., and of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, City of New York. He was assistant physician in Bellevue Hospital in 1828 and 1829; in Cholera Hospital in 1834. He was several years in the New York City Council; ex-officio Judge of the Court of Oyer & Terminer and of the Courts of General and Special Sessions; Supervisor; afterwards sole Coroner of the City and County for three years. Now (1875) still practicing medicine in the city of New York. Dr. Rawson has taken quite an interest in the Rawson family, reunions, and at the first meeting, in October, 1872, he was elected the first president of the Family Association.

He married 1st. Susan Morrell, May 31, 1832; 2nd. Elvira Ann Underhill, January, 1845. Had one child:-

Catherine Susanan Maria, born December 27, 1835; died July 13, 1841.

FROM Memoir of Edward Rawson p. 164
 E. B. Crane
 Worcester 1875.

ED MUND GRINDAL RAWSON was President of the New York College of Veterinary Surgeons.

(Taken from a letter written by J. R. Brown, Jr., March 15, 1926.)

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A stage covering the pulpit was made---covering, as it seemed, an acre, for it extended between the galleries and out from the pulpit ten or eleven slips, the scholars, thirty-three in number, were tricked out in their Sunday-go-to-meeting clothes, all in due order. For the faculty Charley, (Bartlett) sat in the middle before the pulpit all alone. The house was full, not to overflowing, but comfortably full. Cross's Greek ~~was~~ and Smith's ~~pieces~~, Billings' and C. Miller's Latin, and J. Devereux spoke in French; the remainder were vulgar English. The judges sat under the gallery in the broad aisle; I did not see who they were, but Mr. Whittlesey delivered the prizes, the first to Alex Johnson, second to C.D. Miller, and the third to G (Montgomery) Hunt. Charles Miller's original Latin declamation and song was the composition of Mr. Whiffin, and was a kind of recitation of the sports usually practiced by boys and a salaam to the audience. The song had a chorus in which all the boys joined, he singing alone the other part. The singing was very good considering the circumstances--a crowded church and he on the stage. I don't know how he managed ~~it~~ to keep his voice up, but he sang it without wavering. The music was Palestine and The Gospel Banner, a new piece written by Hastings and learnt by the boys. etc.etc.

I remain your firm friend forever,

S. Wells Williams

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24 Gardfield Place
Poughkeepsie N.Y.
March 26-1945.

Graduate Council.

Shurin College.

Re: Dr. A. T. Tuxen.

Dear Dr. Tuxen.

Thank you so much for
bringing me of Charles Bartlett's
and Edmund Lindel Newton's
Graduation Dates. and
the added information.
I didn't know that Edmund
Lindel Newton it was who

"Edward Thindal" to Camp on the name
which had come down either as Edward
Thindal or Thindal since Edward
Kantlin. See. *Massachusetts Bay Colony*

Who came in ~~1780~~ ¹⁷⁸³ 1782.

But Galester was my husband's grandfather.
My husband was Edward Thindal. (I was)
I gave that name to my son. & he has
passed it to his son. who is now 13 years old.
I note that the son of my wife & child listed

graduated from Harvard -
Although I might be if I
had referred to the Boston
book! but it doesn't give
his graduation year.

I was much amused
when I had said to me
my husband's grandfather
there had only one little girl
who lived 13 years.

He had a brother Alexander
who had several children - and
he named one of his sons

Luke Battlet. married
 Emily Vedder Oct 10. 1833
 7 Children - ^{Probably within}

Charles Jr. m. 1834. d. 1896
 Emily Vedder L. Decr. 1836 - d. Nov. 1899
 Cornelia Vedder L. 1839 - d. 1864
 Charles Salmasdy L. 1844/42 d. 1908
 Donald L. 1844 d. 1914
 Mary Emily L. 1846 d. 1930
 Ada L. 1850 1886

You may not care for that long list
 of children.

"Mary Emily" was my mother
 Emily Vedder died July 1852
 drowned in that tragic disaster

On the Hudson River when the
Steamer "Henry Clay" was burned.

His second wife
Charles Bartlett married

Ellen Clift - daughter of
his first wife

Oct. 1853.

They had two daughters

Fanny Louisa 1855 - d. 19

Ellen Clift 1857 - d. 1944

You may not care for this long
list, as I have before -

Thank you again for writing
me. Answering my questions
and telling me much else.

Sincerely yours.

Emily Bartlett ~~Paul~~ Rawson
(PLATT)

(Mr. Edmund H. Rawson)

April 13, 1945

My dear Mrs. Rawson:

Thank you very much for your letter of March 26 in re Charles Bartlett and Edmund Guidal Rawson. We appreciate your listing the children of Charles Bartlett, with dates of their birth and deaths. All such information goes into the biographical folders here in the office and will undoubtedly be of interest to someone in the future.

Hoping that you will not hesitate to call on us if we can be of service to you, I am

Sincerely yours,

For C. N. Waldron, Secretary

Mrs. Edmund G. Rawson
24 Grafield Place
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

CLASS OF 1825

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Jan. 14, 1850

CHARLES BARTLETT, 1825, of Utica, N.Y., was a member of the Adelpic Society.
Adelpic Catalogue 1830 (Died: 1857)

From: Asa Gray
 1810-1888
 A. Hunter Dupree
 The Belknap Press of
 Harvard University
 Cambridge, Mass. 1959

When "Dr. Fay Edgerton, famed teacher of science died, leaving Dr. Charles Bartlett's Utica Gymnasium without and instructor in the middle of a term, Gray, being recommended, 'made an arrangement for one year; took charge of a class in botany and mineralogy on 20th May'" p. 31

The Utica Gymnasium, formerly called the High School for Boys, was just then enjoying a period of prosperity. Dr. Bartlett's aims, modeled on George Bancroft's Round Hill School and Eaton's Rensselaer institute, were progressive.

Gray was assigned to teach Chemistry, botany, mineralogy, zoology, and geology. His salary was \$300 a year in addition to "room, board, washing, fuel, and all other expenses of the kind, for the whole year, or as much of the year as I choose to remain here." The choice was a rather free one, since he taught only until July, 1832, and then had off until January, 1833. Dr. Bartlett evidently provided too rich a fare for his young paragons to partake continuously. To Gray the attractions of the place were 'leisure and the means of a comfortable income. p.31

He also made an acquaintance who would serve him well in later years. S. Wells Williams, son of the Utica publisher of the Edinburgh Encyclopaedia, had just finished his studies with Dr. Bartlett and instead of going to College was preparing to leave for China as a printer for missionaries in Canton. Among his promises was one to collect plants for his friend Gray. p. 31

(S. Wells Williams was an honorary graduate of Union in 1848)

Writing to Torrey of the Utica Gymnasium (1832), he (Gray) complained that "the principal wished to retain too much of the Eatonian plan to suit me." Whether or not the artificial system as a whole of the 'Eatonian plan' which Dr. Bartlett favored, it certainly played its part.

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Meanwhile the reliable three hundred a year from the Utica Gymnasium was no longer a prospect. Gray wrote his father to 'to call as soon as possible at Mr. Bartlett's and get all the boxes that remain there....I wish you to be sure to take them away for I learn that he ... is insolvent and I do not know how long he will remain there.' Moses Gray acted in the nick of time, for a fire soon finished Bartlett's hopes in hopes-in Utica. p. 42